nally aided nuclear and missile programme. Based on our own threat perceptions, Government are committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard national security.

Government's concerns regarding the Pakistani nuclear and missile programme have been stated publicly and will be reiterated in future talks with Pakistan.

Treaty for stoppage of nuclear tests

2510. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 190, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1997 and state:

(a) whether the recent weapons related test conducted by USA demonstrates that Nuclear weapons States continue to rely on nuclear weapons and their programme, to further develop and refine nuclear weapons technology; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to bring about an international treaty providing for stopping of nuclear tests and phased elimination of nuclear weapons; within a time-bound framework?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In a press statement on July 5, 1997, Government took note of the "sub-critical" test conducted by the United States on July 2, 1997 and expressed concern that the sub-critical nuclear test has been justified "as an activity permitted under the CTBT". India has been consistently pointing out in both bilateral and international fora that the CTBT in its present form contains loopholes and without being placed in the context of a phased programme for global nuclear disarmament serves only a discriminatory non-proliferation intent rather than the urgent goal of global nuclear disarmament. India believes that a nuclear weapons-free world will enhance our national security as well as global security. India, along with other Non-aligned countries has called for early commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on a phased programme for elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified time frame.

Deployment of Half-III missiles near Indian border

2511. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about Pakistan's acquiring nuclear warheads for its medium range missiles, as reported in PIONEER, dated the 10th July, 1997;

(b) whether Pakistan had tested Half-III missiles; if so, the firing range thereof;

(c) whether these missiles have been deployed near the Indian border if so, the details of actual deployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is deeply concerned over reports in the Pakistan media that Pakistan has test fired a medium-range missile.

(c) Government are aware of credible reports in this regard. The acquisition of missiles and related technologies by Pakistan is being continuously monitored and assessed by Government. Our concerns regarding Pakistan's acquisition of M-11 missiles have been conveyed to the concerned countries. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard India's security and national interest.

Security of the investigating team in Dubai

2512. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received information that some Dubai-based

underworld elements had been commissioned to eliminate a team of Enforcement Directorate Officials, which planned to go there to investigate sensitive cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government of United Arab Emirates to ensure security of the investigation team; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) The matter is under investigation at present and the full facts will only be known after the investigation is completed.

(b) and (c) The investigation team of Enforcement Directorate under the Ministry of Finance has not left for Dubai. However, if it does go, adequate security arrangements will be made accordingly.

अनिवासी भारतीय बनने के लिए आवेदन

2513. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य-वार कितने भारतीय नागरिकों ने अनिवासी भारतीय बनने के लिये आवेदन-पत्र प्रस्तुत किए हैं ;

(ख) अनिवासी भारतीय बनने के लिये क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किये गये हैं ;

(ग) भारतीय फिल्म उद्योग के ऐसे व्यक्तियों का ब्योरा क्या है जिन्होंने अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा ग्रहण किया है ;

(घ) क्या देश में अनिवासी भारतीयों को कोई विशेष सुविधा दी जाती है और

(ङ) ऐसे दोहरी नागरिकता ग्रहण [illegible] कितनी अवधि तक रहने के [illegible] ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) : (क) भारतीय नागरिकों को अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा प्राप्त करने के लिए कोई आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की आवश्यकता नहीं होती ।

(ख) वे भारतीय नागरिक, जो रोजगार अथवा व्यापार या व्यवसाय चलाने के लिए अथवा किसी परिस्थिति में किसी अन्य प्रयोजन के लिए भारत से बाहर प्रवास की अनिश्चित अवधि का उल्लेख करते हैं, अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा प्राप्त करने के पात्र होते हैं ।

(ग) चूंकि अनिवासी भारतीय होने के लिए कोई औपचारिक आवेदन देने की जरूरत नहीं होती, इसलिए यह निर्धारित करना सम्भव नहीं है कि भारतीय फिल्म उद्योग के किन व्यक्तियों ने अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा प्राप्त कर लिया है ।

(घ) भारत में अनिवासी भारतीय निवेश को सुविधाजनक बनाने तथा उसे प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए वित्त मंत्रालय के अधीन एक अनिवासी भारतीय आयुक्त कार्य कर रहा है । इन सुविधाओं में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ भारत में उत्तराधिकार तथा सम्पत्ति अर्जित करने का अधिकार, विभिन्न योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत अप्रत्यावर्तन और प्रत्यावर्तन आधार पर निवेश, भारत में अनिवासी बैंक खाता खोलना, प्राथमिकता वाले उद्योगों में निवेश, निर्यातोन्मुखी परियोजनाएं और अनिवासी भारतीय बाण्ड, स्वदेश लौट रहे अनिवासी भारतीयों को कर प्रोत्साहन तथा विशेष आयात सुविधाएं शामिल है ।

(ङ) मौजूदा भारतीय कानून के तहत दोहरी नागरिकता की अनुमति नहीं है ।

Pak offer for treaty on Nuclear weapons

2514. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan intends to sign a treaty with India on the non-use of Nuclear weapons;